

A Sharp, Witty Tale of Leaving, Healing, and Learning to Choose Yourself—Even When It Hurts

THE UNIVERSE OWES ME A REFUND



A STORY ABOUT LOVE, LOSS, AND SAVING YOURSELF

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Atlanta, Georgia Nov 25, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - In *The Universe Owes Me a Refund*, author **Gabriela Pechova** delivers a raw, magnetic, and disarmingly funny look at love, self-rescue, and the inconvenient truth that sometimes the person you need to walk away from is the one who looks perfect on paper. Told through Natalia's unfiltered voice, the story blends heartbreak, sarcasm, and emotional clarity into a deeply modern narrative about finally stepping out of a relationship that looked luxurious from the outside—and suffocating from the inside.

A Story for Anyone Who Has Ever Stayed Too Long

Natalia has spent a decade in a life most people would envy: penthouses, first-class flights, marble kitchens, and a partner whose ambition is matched only by his ability to ignore her at dinner.

But comfort isn't the same as happiness.

And when the quiet becomes louder than the lifestyle, Natalia finally does the one thing she's spent years rehearsing in her head: she leaves.

What follows is a beautifully messy journey of rediscovering herself after a long stretch of being "decorative." She relearns mornings, bad coffee, her own voice, and what it feels like to be genuinely seen. Along the way, she stumbles into new friendships, spontaneous adventures, and one man who is charming, chaotic, emotionally allergic to schedules—and somehow exactly the catalyst she needed to remember who she was before perfection became a prison.

Told with Gabriela Pechova's signature blend of humor and emotional precision, *The Universe Owes Me a Refund* is both a breakup story and a becoming story—never melodramatic, always honest, often painfully relatable.

Love, Loss, and the Art of Starting Over

Readers follow Natalia through the phases of reinvention that feel almost universally familiar:

Choosing Yourself Over Comfort

Leaving a ten-year relationship isn't glamorous—it's awkward, liberating, expensive, and quietly terrifying. Natalia walks straight into the emotional freefall of letting go, only to discover that the ground beneath her is far more solid than she expected.

Rebuilding a Life That Feels Like Yours Again

From mismatched furniture to late-night cereal to the loud honesty of pickleball courts, Natalia begins piecing together a life that doesn't need an audience. It's imperfect, unfiltered, and—for the first time—hers.

Falling (Accidentally) for Someone Entirely Wrong Yet Deeply Right

Enter Michael: charming, unpredictable, slightly chaotic, and absolutely uninterested in performing perfection. He disrupts her routines, challenges her logic, kisses her like he means it, and reminds her that the best relationships don't need PR—they just need presence.

Learning the Fine Print of Emotional Responsibility

As new love collides with old wounds, Natalia is forced to face the truths she avoided for years. Loving someone is beautiful. Loving yourself is mandatory. And sometimes the universe doesn't give refunds—you just stop letting it overcharge you.

A Voice That Cuts Through the Noise

Gabriela Pechova writes with a tone that's conversational, cinematic, and deeply self-aware. Her storytelling blends dry humor, vulnerability, and punchy emotional clarity, creating a narrative that feels like listening to the smartest friend you have—the one who tells you the truth, but makes you laugh while you cry over it.

Early readers describe the novel as:

“Addictively honest. Sharp. Hilarious. Painfully real. I felt seen in every chapter.”

About the Book

The Universe Owes Me a Refund is a modern, emotionally intelligent novel about leaving the wrong life, choosing the right one, and learning—in real time—that healing doesn't come all at once. It comes in small, ordinary moments: a quiet apartment. A sunrise. A badly timed joke. A person who shows up.

It's a story for anyone who has ever felt stuck, silenced, underestimated, or overdue for something better.

About the Author

Gabriela Pechova is a Czech-American author based in Atlanta, Georgia. After earning her degree in International Business, she spent years traveling and volunteering around the world—from Uganda to Guatemala—collecting stories of resilience, connection, and the quiet bravery of starting over.

When she's not writing, she's spending time with her son, exploring new cities, or walking her loyal dog, Walter. *The Universe Owes Me a Refund* is a testament to her belief that sometimes the most radical thing a woman can do is tell the truth about her life.

Availability & Contact

The Universe Owes Me a Refund is available in **paperback, hardcover, and digital formats** through major online retailers.

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